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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Conference with Mr. Russell Hale, Far Eastern Branch, Office of Deputy Administrator (ISA) for Mutual Defense Assistance Control. (29 July 1953)

1. Mr. Hale made essentially the same points with regard to the enforcement aspect of the work of this agency as had Mr. Hansen in an earlier interview.
2. He pointed out, in relation to illegal trade developments, especially in Southeast Asia, that the reports from our diplomatic missions often were correct and informative but too often were 'after the fact', that is too late to be of any use as a basis for action with the governments concerned to prevent the shipments of strategic materials to the Soviet Bloc. Mr. Hale cited several specific instances of such illegal trade movements especially of rubber from Burma and Indonesia. He emphasized the need for covert intelligence which could be used to develop a situation to a point where it would be possible for the U.S. to take action with the foreign government concerned.
3. This problem obviously lies outside the scope of this present study which is concerned with the research product of ORR. It is understood that similar representations have already been made to the Chief of Coordination, ORR.

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Air Force, Office of Deputy Director of Intelligence for Targets (ODI-3)

Conferences were held with the following officers:

Col. W. C. Baird, Chief, Policy and Plans
Mr. Paul Ledet, Senior Analyst, Air Targets Division
Mr. Edmond Brunner, Chief, Industrial Vulnerability Branch
Mr. C. H. Pruefer, Chief, General Vulnerability Branch, together with
Lt. Col. Muller and Mr. Biren.

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